Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending September 30, 1985

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	9,336	4,398	1,212	594	1,289	607
Prof., Tech and Managerial (00-19)	1,511	540	172	56	282	121
Clerical (20-24)	1,865	1,528	239	200	286	235
Sales (25-29)	453	211	68	30	51	21
Services (3)	1,455	859	219	120	164	87
Farm (4)	104	25	9	1	11	4
Processing (5)	167	64	18	7	17	11
Machine Trade (6)	926	287	80	27	98	32
Benchwork (7)	919	625	161	106	102	72
Structural (8)	1,031	44	125	8	183	8
Miscellaneous (9)	876	203	119	37	90	14
Unclassified	29	12	2	2	5	2

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	September 1985	August 1985	July 1, 1985 to Sept. 30, 1985
Total applicants for employment	2,698	2,627	8,258
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,914	3,280	8,732
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,584	3,057	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,405	1,285	3,936

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

October | Wesley S. Noyes, Jr., Editor, Supervisor, Economic Analysis and Reports | 85-10

SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire decreased by 1,150 from mid-September to mid-October. The jobless count of 13,900 represents only 2.6 percent of the total civilian labor force of 540,240. The rates were 2.8 percent in September and 3.2 percent a year ago. The last time the unemployment rate was at 2.6 percent was in August 1979. Nationally the rates were 6.8 percent in October, 6.9 percent in September and 7.0 percent a year ago. The latest unemployment data available by state (September 1985) indicates New Hampshire had, for the second consecutive month, the lowest rate of any state with 2.8 percent. It is expected that the October rate of 2.6 percent will also be the lowest state rate. The number of unemployed decreased in ten areas with the largest decrease occurring in the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. Maine metropolitan statistical area which recorded an unemployment drop of 340. The Nashua area was next with a drop of 290. Two areas, Concord and Salem (New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill Massachusetts MSA) had very minor unemployment increases of 30 and 20 respectively. Unemployment rates ranged from a high of 4.4 percent in the Salem area to a low of 1.8 percent in both the Claremont and Concord areas. Overall, government jobs increased significantly in relation to education activities as school districts, colleges and technical schools added on workers as the school year got into full swing.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 1,200 workers as manufacturing was down 550 and nonmanufacturing 650. In manufacturing, lumber and wood products was the biggest looser with a drop of 200. In nonmanufacturing, services experienced the greatest loss with a decrease of 1,850 workers form September. Construction continued its brisk pace and added on 300 new workers. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up 29,200 workers as manufacturing is down 6,400, but nonmanufacturing is up 35,600.

Manchester Economic Conditions: Total unemployment decreased by 130 from September and the jobless count of 1,780 represents only 2.0 percent of the total civilian labor force of 87,810. Last month the rate was 2.2 percent and a year ago it was 2.3 percent. It should be noted that September's 2.2 rate was the lowest of the 253 metropolitan statistical areas in the country that report. It is expected that this month's 2.0 rate will follow suit. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up 550 from September and 2,000 from a year ago. Services recorded the largest yearly gain with an increase of 1,000 workers.

Nashua Economic Conditions: Total unemployment decreased by 290 from September as the unemployment rate dropped from 3.0 to 2.7 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.4 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 450 from September and is up 2,100 form a year ago. Manufacturing is down 1,800 from last year's level, however, nonmanufacturing is up by 3,900 workers. In the manufacturing sector, durable goods is down 1,000 while nondurables is down 800. In the nonmanufacturing sector, trade is up 1,300 and services 1,150.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural
Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Month	Year	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Month	Year	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	540,240	541,630	529,010	-1,390	11,230	87,810	87,040	88,290	770	-480	95,700	95,500	95,750	200	-50
2. Unemployment	13,900	15,050	16,790	-1,150	-2,890	1,780	1,910	2,070	-130	-290	2,560	2,850	2,260	-290	300
Percent of labor force	2.6	2.8	3.2	xxx	xxx	2.0	2.2	2.3	xxx	xxx	2.7	3.0	2.4	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	526,290	526,530	512,220	-240	14,070	86,030	85,130	86,220	900	-190	93,140	92,650	93,490	490	-350
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	50	50	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	488,350	489,550	459,150	-1,200	29,200	79,850	79,300	77,850	550	2,000	84,350	83,900	82,250	450	2,100
Manufacturing	120,200	120,750	126,600	-550	-6,400	15,600	15,700	16,100	-100	-500	35,850	36,100	37,650	-250	-1,800
Durable goods	81,250	81,550	85,100	-300	-3,850	9,200	9,250	9,250	-50	-50	30,450	30,600	31,450	-150	-1,000
Lumber & wood prods.	5,100	5,300	5,500	-200	-400										
Furniture & fixtures	1,400	1,350	1,400	50	0										
Stone & clay prods.	2,950	2,900	3,050	50	-100										
Primary metal prods.	4,500	4,600	4,700	-100	-200										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,750	6,650	7,200	100	-450										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,900	*25,000	24,750	-100	150				Machinery And Electrical Products Combined						
Electrical prods.	24,950	25,000	27,750	-50	-2,800	5,600	5,600	5,850	0	-250	23,600	23,650	24,200	-50	-600
Miscellaneous prods.	2,200	2,250	2,250	-50	-50										
Other durables	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0	3,600	3,650	3,400	-50	200	6,850	6,950	7,250	-100	-400
Nondurable goods	38,950	39,200	41,500	-250	-2,550	6,400	6,450	6,850	-50	-450	5,400	5,500	6,200	-100	-800
Food & kindred prods.	3,050	3,050	3,050	0	0										
Textile mill prods.	3,750	3,800	4,300	-50	-550										
Apparel	2,450	2,550	2,700	-100	-250	1,850	1,900	2,100	-50	-250					
Paper & allied prods.	5,300	5,400	5,650	-100	-350										
Print., pub. & allied	6,800	6,850	7,300	-50	-500										
Leather & lea. prods.	6,700	6,600	7,150	100	-450										
Other nondurables	10,900	10,950	11,350	-50	-450	4,550	4,550	4,750	0	-200					
Nonmanufacturing	368,150	368,800	332,550	-650	35,600	64,250	63,600	61,750	650	2,500	48,500	47,800	44,600	700	3,900
Construction (inc. min.)	36,550	36,250	28,200	200	8,350	5,100	5,050	4,350	50	750	4,350	4,300	3,650	50	700
Trans., comm. & util.	15,700	15,950	15,250	-250	450	4,850	4,800	4,750	50	100	2,350	2,350	2,200	0	150
Trade	*124,450	124,400	108,700	50	15,750	20,500	20,300	20,250	200	250	17,750	17,450	16,450	300	1,300
Fin., ins. & real estate	26,050	26,000	24,100	50	1,950	6,900	6,900	6,600	0	300	2,850	2,800	2,700	50	150
Service industry & other	100,750	102,600	93,150	-1,850	7,600	19,250	19,050	18,250	200	1,000	15,150	14,850	14,000	300	1,150
Government	64,650	63,600	63,150	1,050	1,500	7,650	7,500	7,550	150	100	6,050	6,050	5,600	0	450
Federal	12,200	12,150	11,950	50	250	2,250	2,150	2,200	100	50	700	700	750	0	-50
State	17,800	17,400	16,550	400	1,250	850	850	850	0	0	200	200	200	0	0
Local	34,650	34,050	34,650	600	0	4,550	4,500	4,500	50	50	5,150	5,150	4,650	0	500

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
Benchmark March 1984

Labor Disputes:
Machinery Sept. 1985 - 50 workers on strike not included.
Wholesale Trade Oct. 1985 - 50 workers on strike not included.

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Area and County

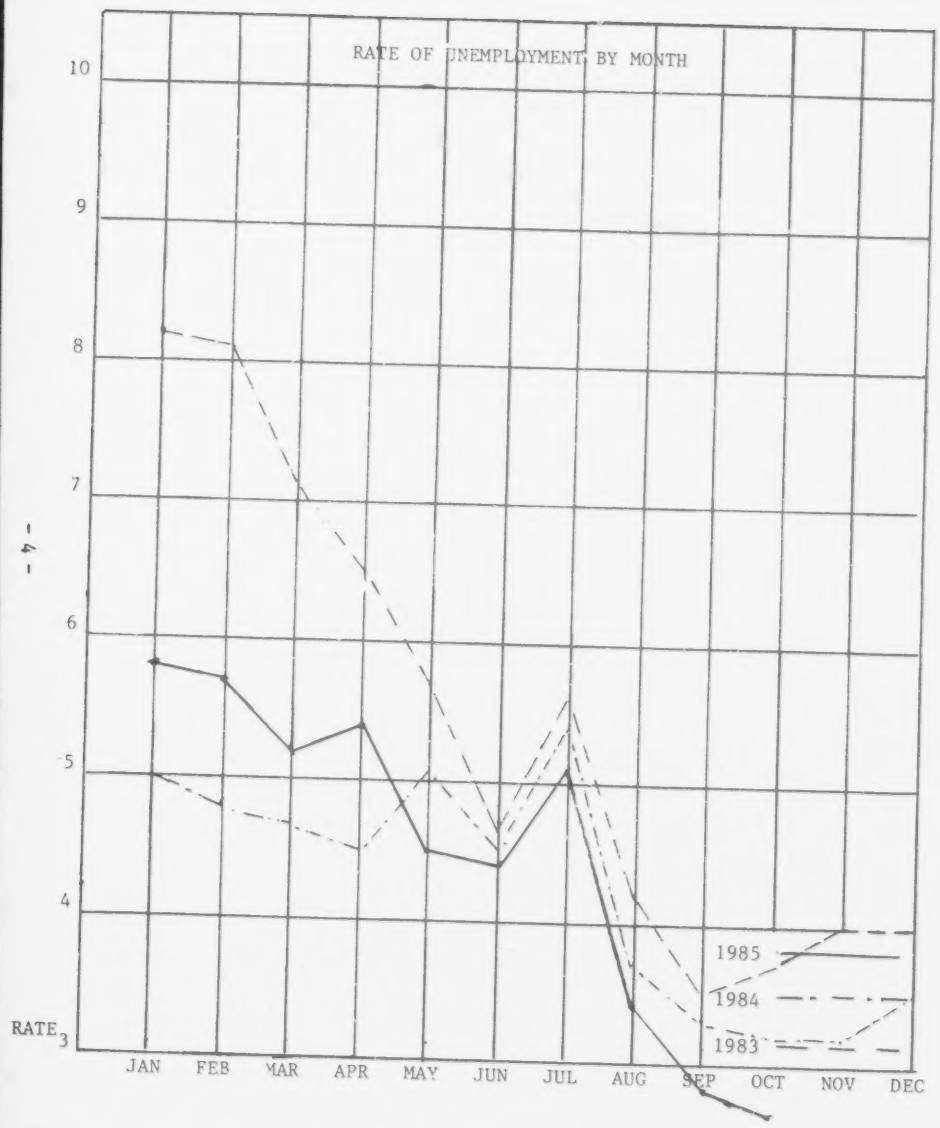
Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	October 1985		September 1985		October 1984		Numerical Change From Previous		October	September	October	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year	1985	1985	1984	Month	Year
United States**	7,197	6.8	7,984	6.9	7,989	7.0	-67	-72	116,346	115,850	114,250	496	2,096
New Hampshire	13,900	2.6	15,050	2.8	16,790	3.2	-1,150	-2,890	540,240	541,630	529,010	-1,390	11,230
Area													
Berlin LMA	590	2.9	720	3.5	640	2.3	-130	-50	20,070	20,620	19,310	-550	760
Claremont LMA	710	1.8	760	2.0	1,100	3.0	-50	-390	38,810	38,370	37,070	440	1,740
Concord LMA	840	1.8	810	1.7	1,000	2.3	30	-160	46,370	46,290	44,420	80	1,950
Keene LMA	820	2.1	930	2.4	840	2.2	-110	-20	39,700	39,380	38,410	320	1,290
Laconia LMA	970	2.1	1,040	2.2	1,000	2.2	-70	-30	46,260	46,930	44,820	-670	1,440
Littleton LMA	300	2.0	360	2.3	480	3.3	-60	-180	15,170	15,560	14,670	-390	500
Manchester MSA	1,780	2.0	1,910	2.2	2,070	2.3	-130	-290	87,810	87,040	88,290	770	-480
Nashua PMSA	2,560	2.7	2,850	3.0	2,260	2.4	-290	300	95,700	95,500	95,750	200	-50
N.H. Portion of Lawrence Haverhill MA. PMSA ***	2,120	4.4	2,100	4.4	2,810	6.0	20	-690	48,150	47,970	46,580	180	1,570
Portsmouth - Dover - Rochester N.H. - ME.	2,700	2.6	3,040	2.8	4,240	4.1	-340	-1,540	105,570	108,450	103,500	-2,880	2,070
Unattached Estimating Area ****	540	3.6	550	3.8	650	4.6	-10	-110	14,810	14,350	14,010	460	800
Town of Pelham (Part of Lowell MA - NH PMSA)	200	3.9	220	4.3	110	2.3	-20	90	5,180	5,170	4,880	10	300
County													
Belknap	480	2.0	550	2.3	530	2.3	-70	-50	23,540	23,900	22,830	-360	710
Carroll	260	1.8	320	2.2	350	2.6	-60	-90	14,100	14,350	13,650	-250	450
Cheshire	750	2.1	850	2.4	770	2.2	-100	-20	35,570	35,280	34,420	290	1,150
Coos	570	3.2	710	3.9	610	3.6	-140	-40	17,720	18,230	17,030	-510	690
Grafton	700	1.9	750	2.1	860	2.5	-50	-160	36,120	36,330	34,620	-210	1,500
Hillsborough	4,430	2.4	4,850	2.7	4,310	2.4	-420	120	181,650	180,610	181,130	1,040	520
Merrimack	1,050	1.8	1,020	1.8	1,170	2.1	30	-120	56,990	56,910	54,980	80	2,010
Rockingham	3,770	3.5	3,870	3.6	5,190	4.9	-100	-1,420	107,830	108,310	105,230	-480	2,600
Strafford	1,480	3.2	1,720	3.6	2,250	4.9	-240	-770	46,720	47,960	45,870	-1,240	850
Sullivan	410	2.1	410	2.1	750	3.9	0	-340	20,000	19,750	19,250	250	750

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA — includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA — is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1985	1984	1983	1982
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - October	321.3			
Percent change from year ago	2.9			
Year average		307.6	297.4	288.6
Percent increase each year		3.4	3.0	6.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - October	325.5			
Percent change from year ago	3.2			
Year average		311.1	298.4	289.1
Percent increase each year		4.3	3.2	6.1

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES BY LABOR MARKET AREA IN THE

YEAR 1984 AND PERCENT CHANGES FROM 1983

Labor Market Area**	Employment Changes from 1983			Percent Changes from 1983		
	Total	Mfg.	Nonmfg.	Total	Mfg.	Nonmfg.
New Hampshire	29,660	9,864	19,796	8.5	8.7	8.4
Berlin	1,096	210	886	7.9	4.7	9.4
Claremont	2,363	513	1,850	9.8	8.1	10.5
Concord	2,647	704	1,943	9.6	8.4	10.2
Dover	1,959	379	1,580	7.6	3.1	11.9
Keene	2,361	521	1,840	9.8	5.7	12.2
Laconia	2,993	993	2,000	11.6	11.3	11.8
Littleton	828	270	558	9.8	12.7	8.8
Manchester	6,839	1,459	5,380	10.6	8.8	11.2
Nashua	7,507	3,765	3,742	11.8	11.3	12.4
Portsmouth	-923	366	-1,289	-2.2	5.1	-3.8
N.H. Portion Lawrence - Haverhill SMSA	2,489	656	1,833	17.5	14.7	18.9
Statewide*	-499	28	-527	-3.2	13.7	-3.4

*Establishments not classified by any specific location.

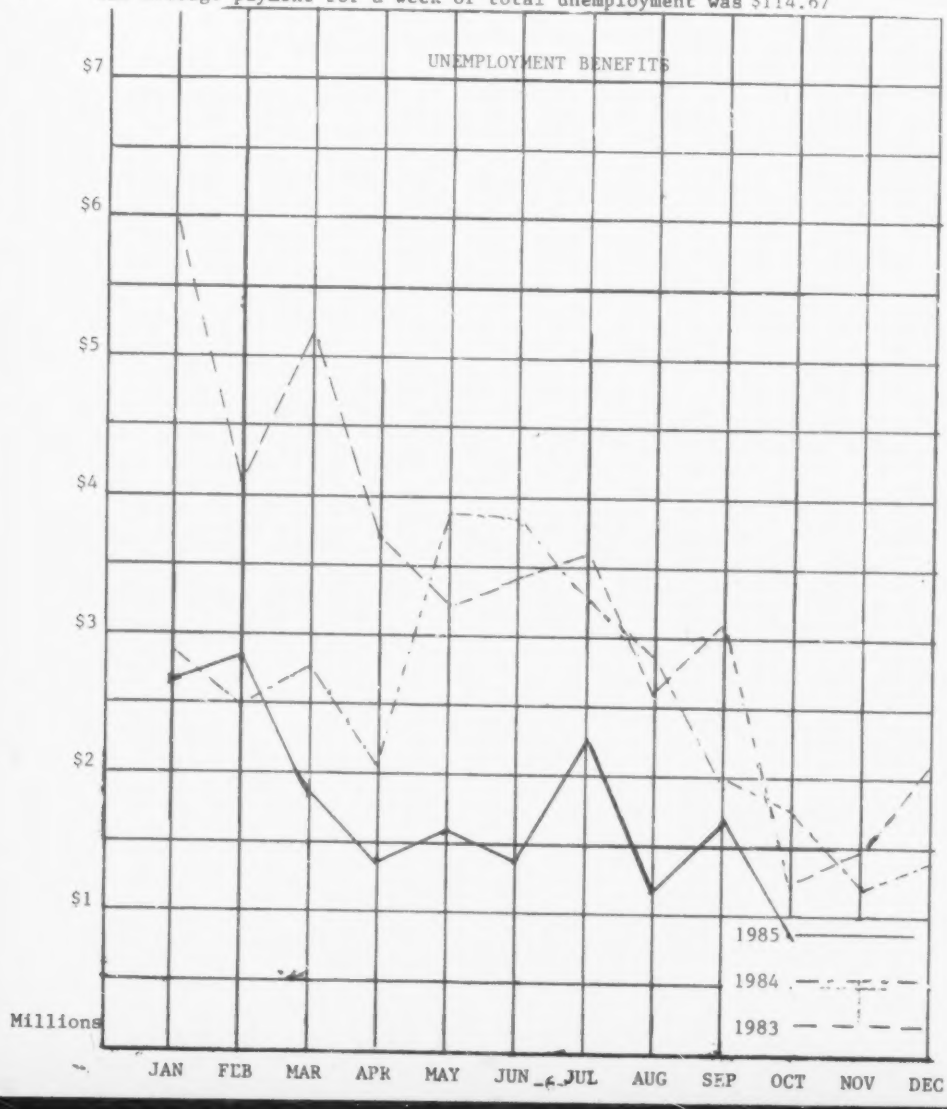
**Based on definitions used prior to 1/1/85.

SOURCE: "Employment and Wages by Labor Market Area Year Summary 1984"

Weekly Claims Filed During October
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	3,485	10,623	7	37	7	26	42	76	16	26
Berlin	226	612	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	0
Claremont	143	402	0	0	1	3	0	5	0	0
Concord	241	639	0	3	1	0	3	8	2	3
Conway	57	139	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Dover	461	1,628	2	8	1	10	17	20	4	4
Keene	117	655	0	10	0	5	1	0	0	0
Laconia	205	576	1	10	0	0	1	1	2	2
Lebanon	55	189	0	0	1	6	2	12	1	2
Littleton	249	314	0	3	0	1	3	7	0	0
Manchester	616	1,416	0	0	0	0	2	7	2	10
Nashua	423	1,314	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	3
Portsmouth	347	1,341	1	1	0	0	8	4	3	0
Salem	147	462	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	198	936	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	2

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $114.67



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$115,515,990.78

Net contributions received during month:

$ 3,989,445.29

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 851,903.39

Interest Received:

$ 0

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
All manufacturing	$347.32	$347.36	$326.36	41.2	41.5	41.0	$8.43	$8.37	$7.96
Durable goods	362.66	363.66	340.72	41.4	41.8	41.5	8.76	8.70	8.21
Lumber & wood prods.	254.80	246.14	358.62	38.9	38.4	40.6	6.55	6.41	6.37
Furniture & fixtures	271.87	280.13	276.67	38.4	39.4	39.3	7.08	7.11	7.04
Stone & clay prods.	344.24	329.51	321.63	43.3	41.5	42.6	7.95	7.94	7.55
Primary metal prods.	401.63	397.18	355.97	42.5	42.8	43.2	9.45	9.28	8.24
Fab. metal prods.	341.01	337.71	307.69	42.1	41.9	40.7	8.10	8.06	7.56
Mach. (exc. elec.)	395.60	404.10	379.32	44.3	45.1	43.7	8.93	8.96	8.68
Electrical prods.	380.33	379.63	350.73	39.7	40.3	40.5	9.58	9.42	8.66
Miscellaneous prods.	265.44	263.16	247.05	40.9	40.8	40.5	6.49	6.45	6.10
Other durables	363.51	374.26	344.40	40.3	41.4	40.0	9.02	9.04	8.61
Nondurable goods	318.65	316.98	300.75	40.8	40.9	40.1	7.81	7.75	7.50
Food & kindred prods.	375.96	379.96	388.50	40.6	40.9	42.0	9.26	9.29	9.25
Textile mill prods.	290.79	288.96	265.18	41.9	42.0	38.6	6.94	6.88	6.87
Apparel	209.99	213.95	205.53	37.1	37.8	37.1	5.66	5.66	5.54
Paper & allied prods.	450.77	453.12	454.53	47.4	48.0	48.2	9.51	9.44	9.43
Print., pub. & allied	325.17	328.05	293.79	39.8	40.5	40.3	8.17	8.10	7.29
Leather & lea. prods.	201.12	202.03	188.72	36.7	36.8	34.5	5.48	5.49	5.47
Footwear	190.17	190.37	176.93	36.5	36.4	33.7	5.21	5.23	5.25
Other nondurables	360.78	346.06	325.95	42.0	41.1	41.0	8.59	8.42	7.95

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 49%

Total Production Workers: 83,400

Firms Reporting: 344

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
All manufacturing	$329.91	$330.47	$310.78	39.7	40.4	40.1	$8.31	$8.18	$7.75
Durable goods	354.12	356.81	338.20	39.[illegible]	40.5	40.6	8.92	8.81	8.33
Mach. & elec. prods.	350.35	352.04	342.76	38.5	39.6	41.0	9.10	8.89	8.36
Other durables	359.35	362.79	330.80	41.4	41.7	40.0	8.68	8.70	8.27
Nondurable goods	296.96	294.26	275.80	39.7	40.2	39.4	7.48	7.32	7.00
Textiles & apparel	270.58	268.40	262.08	39.5	40.3	39.0	6.85	6.66	6.72
Other nondurables	307.26	304.72	281.95	39.8	40.2	39.6	7.72	7.58	7.12

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 47%

Total Production Workers: 11,200

Firms Reporting: 40

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1985	Oct. 1984
All manufacturing	$418.81	$413.65	$392.78	41.1	41.2	41.0	$10.19	$10.04	$9.58
Durable goods	425.79	420.58	399.10	41.5	41.6	41.4	10.26	10.11	9.64
Mach. & elec. prods.	455.92	451.26	425.58	41.0	41.4	41.0	11.12	10.90	10.38
Other durables	348.78	337.71	328.67	42.9	41.9	42.3	8.13	8.06	7.77
Nondurable goods	386.32	381.21	367.60	39.3	39.3	39.4	9.83	9.70	9.33

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52%

Total Production Workers: 19,800

Firms Reporting: 67